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**Synopsis:** (U) Information on surveys conducted by the Russians for sabotage and infiltration in the U.S. during the 1950s and 1960s.


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**Administrative:** (U) Reference "60 Minutes" television program on September 12, 1999 regarding the recent release of the book titled Sword and the Shield: Secret History of the KGB, co-authored by Christopher Andrew and Vasili Mitrokhin.

Enclosure(s): ~~(S)~~ ~~(U)~~ Enclosed for all offices is [redacted] reporting on the RIS surveys for possible infiltration and sabotage of the U.S. during the 1950s and 1960s.

Details: (U) As recipients are no doubt aware, a former "archivist" of the KGB, Vasili Mitrokhin, defected from Russia during the early part of this decade. Mitrokhin had access to many of the

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KGB's files and, more often, serials for these files as they passed through his hands to the KGB's equivalent of the Special File Room. Mitrokhin took notes from the serials in a personal code and smuggled them out. When Mitrokhin defected to the British, he had notes from files dating back to the Russian revolution up until his retirement from the KGB in 1984.

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(U) Prominent British historian Christopher Andrew wrote, "with" Mitrokhin, about the KGB activities and intentions revealed from the files in a new book, Sword and the Shield. As part of the publicity, Andrew was interviewed on "60 Minutes" about some of the highlights of the book. Among other matters featured in the story was one which has generated considerable and understandable interest -- preparations by the KGB, during the 1950s and 1960s, for sabotage and infiltration into the West, including the U.S., should the Cold War turn hot. The KGB surveyed the United States for the best routes of infiltration by paramilitary forces from Canada and for the placement of arms caches along those routes for the time of activation. The KGB also surveyed elements of our national critical infrastructure for possible disruption.

~~(S)~~ (U) The intelligence community has known of these activities and intentions [REDACTED]

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(U) Some of the details were included in Sword and the Shield and were featured on the "60 Minutes" piece. Andrew mentioned that the Russians specifically targeted the oil pipeline from El Paso to Costa Mesa, Flathead Dam and Hungry Horse Dam. Unfortunately, these discussions of Russian survey recommendations were juxtaposed against the actions taken by the KGB in Western Europe. Andrew relates that an arms cache was located in Switzerland with specific directions to the location and to the dismantling of the explosive device covering it. The program features Swiss attempts to

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dig up this cache by turning a firehouse on it and thereby triggering an explosion.

(U) The portion of Sword and the Shield on surveys and infiltration plans for the U.S. (pages 363 & 364) is likewise sandwiched between information on buried arms caches in Europe. The section on Europe contains very specific directions, including highway mile markers as guides, and relates in print the story of the Swiss arms cache. The U.S. section refers to several generic targets, including those included in the "60 Minutes" piece, but provided a few more specifics including, for Flathead Dam, a specific point of vulnerability. Other targets were the Port of New York and the New York power grid. The book references a Mexican hotel located 50 miles from California for agent infiltration; possible infiltration routes "in three place on the American coast;" through Glacier National Park, Montana; and Lake of the Woods and International Falls, Minnesota.

(U) ~~(S)~~ The "60 Minutes" program and the way the U.S. information is presented in the book might lead one to believe that more than just surveys were conducted in the United States. [redacted] There is no information to indicate the Russians proceeded beyond surveys.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ The survey of U.S. critical infrastructure is not surprising, during the 1950s and 1960s and beyond. [redacted]

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~~(S)~~ (U) [redacted] While the information in Sword and the Shield is obviously declassified, [redacted]

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[redacted] The Bureau provides (S) this data for review by recipient offices to assist in resolving any local concerns [redacted]

(U) Questions concerning this matter, including questions about further dissemination or use of the classified information, can

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